
Racine County's Older Population

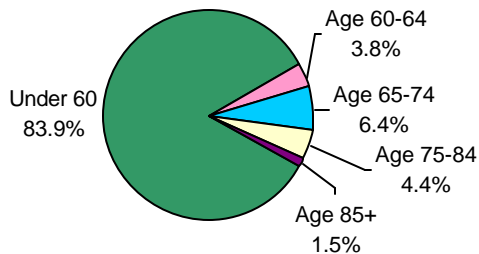
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Racine County is similar to that of the state as a whole (12.3% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been faster in this county than in the state as a whole (10.2% versus 7.9%). In all, 23,233 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 2,846 of these are age 85 or older. Racine County's average (or median) age is 36.1 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Racine County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	188,831		175,034		13,797	7.9%
Persons 60 and over	30,358	16.1%	28,622	16.4%	1,736	6.1%
Persons 65 and over	23,233	12.3%	21,090	12.0%	2,143	10.2%
Persons 85 and over	2,846	1.5%	2,234	1.3%	612	27.4%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Racine County Population in Each Group



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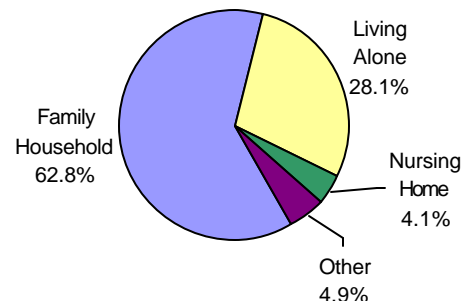
A large majority (93.6%) of Racine County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Racine County African Americans have a median age of 26.5 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.8 years. Whites, in contrast, average 38.2 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 70,819 households in Racine County, 15,917 include at least one person age 65 or older (22.5% of all households). A total of 14,739 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 78.0% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (62.8%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 28.1% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.4% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 951 people age 65 and older live in Racine County nursing homes (4.1% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Racine County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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